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Affinity and Aptitude

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for inferring audience affinity or aptitude with regard to content or properties of portions of a media work which comprises:
- presenting the media work to an audience;
  - obtaining user input regarding presentation rates for the portions of the media work;